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F O R E W O R D

This is the first written record, so far as known, of the descendants of George G. McKoy of North Carolina. It is based upon information given by George Cathey McCoy, Robert Adam McCoy, Henry Bruce McCoy, and Grace McCoy Johnson, all now deceased; U. S. Census records, and county court house records of certain counties of Tennessee and Georgia. No record has been found written by any member of the family of George G. McKoy. There are, however, a few letters in the possession of J. T. McCoy written by Isaac McKoy of Arkansas and Bruce McKoy of Missouri.

This paper contains all that is presently known of the first four generations, but is far from complete. Information is added from time to time as it comes in. This is a revision of the first few pages as originally written in late 1959.

It is requested that all persons having any information that would seem to fit into this family tree to communicate such knowledge to this writer, address below. All such communications will be gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

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The Name of McCoy

The name of McCoy is of Scotch origin and means the son of Kay or Koy. One authority has stated that McCoy is a variant spelling of the older name of Mackie, which seems probably and logical when we take into consideration the various ways it has been found in census records. It has been spelled Mackie, Mackee, Mackay, Mackoy, MacCoy, MacCaughey, McAy, McAye, McKaa, McKae and perhaps a few others as well. McCoy is apparently the very latest spelling at this time.

According to tradition, the George G. McKoy family of North Carolina-Tennessee is Scotch-Irish, meaning, of course, Scotch people who migrated from Scotland to Ireland, and later to America.

McCoys came early from the British Isles to America, settling mainly in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire and the Carolinas. There was an overland migration southward of these same Scotch people from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia into North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee (although a part of N. C. at that time) in the later part of the eighteenth century. They settled mainly in Eastern Tennessee, and in the general vicinity of Iredell County, North Carolina. Other McCoys came direct ffom Scotland and settled along the Cape Fear River in Cumberland County, North Carolina in the area of Fayetteville.

McCoys lived in the ill fated State of Franklin, which later was saddled with the pretentious title of "U. S. Territories South of the Ohio River." Abraham McCoy was a magistrate of the State of Franklin, T.S.O. as it was later abbreviated, and finally Tennessee. Spruce Macoy, who came from Salisbury, N. C., was a judge and politico through all the changes. Moses McCoy was a constable for T.S.O. and stole a pair of scissors while in that office and was sentenced to fifteen lashes publicly.

First Generation

GEORGE G. McKOY: Born in North Carolina (or Territory South of the Ohio) in 1793-94, exact county and city not known. Died in Central Missouri 1861-65. Little is known of the early life of Mr McKoy, other than the fact that he was a cabinet maker by trade. The na mes of either parent, brothers or sisters is not known, although, possible that he was a brother of Angus McKoy, whose will was recorded in Greene County, Tennessee March 7, 1842, as one George McKoy and three sisters (Nancy, Jane and Kathryn), and one nephew, John McKoy, were named in the will. It is also believed that he had a brother named Alexander, who lived two miles due east of Summerville, Georgia until 1842. There was a vague recollection by George Cathey McCoy of an "Uncle Aleck", who was thought to have moved to Illinois, but nothing more was known of him. It is possible that John McCoy, who lived in Murray County, Georgia about 1850 was a brother.

It is definitely known that Mr McKoy was living in Tennessee as early as 1821. About 1818 he ma rried Jemina Rogers, who was born in Tennessee in 1803 (died in Calhoun (Henry County), Missouri March 3, 1879). In 1830 this couple was living in Greene County, Tennessee. They remained in Tennessee until after their last child, Bruce, was born (1833). After that year they moved to Trion, in Chattooga County, Georgia whence they remained for a spell, then moved over into adjoining Murray County (now Whitfield) residing at Red Clay for several years. To this couple was born six sons and one daughter, all born in Tenn.

William b. about 1819
Isaac W. R. b. 1821
John Mark b. 1824
Harriett b. 1828
George C. b. 1830
Robert b. 1831
A. Bruce b. 1833

Second Generation

ISAAC W. R. McKOY: Married the widow Lu Rawlins Dunn of Bradley Co., Tenn. Moved to Ozan, Hempstead County, Arkansas about 1857. Isaac served the cause of the Confederacy for 3½ years, spending one year of that time in the hospital. Lived in Ozan until after 1880.

Alfred Luther
Mary

JOHN MARK McCOY: Lived in Rome, Georgia before his marriage. Was the first of the family to spell McCoy with the letter "C" instead of "K". Was a bootmaker and was known far and wide as a fine upright man in the community, and an excellent bootmaker. Had 12 toes and 12 fingers. Married (1 Mary Cathey of Trion, Georgia. (2 Emmaline E. Parker of Cleveland, Tenn about 1862.

Children of the first marriage:

Margaret, born about 1850 died abt 1861
Amanda Hattie b. 1853 d. 1915
William Knox b. 1854 d. 1877
George Cathey b. 1858 d. 7-26-1920
John J. Critchton b. 1861 d. 1916

Children of the second marriage:

Robert Adam	b. 7-20-1866	d. 11-12-1940
Mary Lou	b. 1868	d. 12-10-1889
Grace	b. 1869	d. 4-1-1954
Henry Bruce	b. 2-24-1872	d. 1-9-1926

WILLIAM McKOY: No information. Believed to have been killed in the Civil War. In a letter from Isaac McKoy to the widow of John Mark McCoy Isaac mentions that his brother William was a tall man.

HARRIETT McKoy: Did not marry. Always lived with her parents and brother Bruce. Last known to have been living in Calhoun, Missouri in 1880.

GEORGE C. McKOY: Name of wife not known. Lived in Aurora, and Joplin, Mo. Had five sons. No word has been had of this family since about 1910.

Fitzhugh	William
Emmett	Charles
Walter	

William and one of the others was killed about 1906 by falling down a mine shaft at Joplin. The others moved to Commerce, Oklahoma.

ROBERT McKOY: Name of wife not known. Last lived in Missouri. Had three daughters.

Mat Bet Jane

A. BRUCE McKOY: Did not marry. Was the largest member of his family, being 6'1", said to have had the best disposition of all. Was a farmer and later a lead miner. Lived in Joplin, Calhoun, and Aurora, Mo. Was a Mason. Came back on a visit to Tennessee and North Georgia about 1905 or 1906. Died about 1907.

Third Generation

ALFRED LUTHER McKOY: Son of Isaac, son of George. No information.
MARY McKOY: Dau of Isaac, son of George. No information.

MARGARET McCoy: Dau of John M., son of George G. Died young, and unmarried.

AMANDA HATTIE McCOY: Dau of John M., son of George. Married Joe Huskisson.

Thomas	Minnie
William	Johnnie

WILLIAM KNOX McCOY: Son of John M., son of George. Died unmarried at 21 years of age.

GEORGE CATHEY McCOY: Son of John M., son of George. Lived in Chattanooga several years, then moved to Dalton, Ga. Was a carpenter and farmer. Member of Masonic lodge and Odd Fellows. Married Ada Hubbard, of Alabama.

Leon	b. 5-3-87 d. 8-24-87
George Commodore	b. 6-22-89 d. 5-16-90
John Hubbard	b. 7-17-91
Joanna	b. 1-26-94 d. 2-8-30
Nettie	b. 5-22-93
Robert Orville	b. 10-12-1900 d. 3-17-1958
Tom Ashley	b. 10-14-04 d. 4-7-39
Willie Knox	b. 9-1-08 d. 4-5-14

JOHN CRITCHTON McCOY: Son of John M., son of George. Moved to Texas about 1885. Married Lola Watkins.

Hattie
Virgia

ROBERT ADAM McCOY: Son of John M., son of George. Lived near Red Clay, Georgia and Flint Springs, Tenn. Member of Masonic Lodge, in which he held every office a number of times, and was Master six times. Member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Married Flora Lusk.

Bertie b. 9-5-1894	Arabelle b. 4-5-1901
Buren L. b. 1-29-1896	Edith b. 11-9-1902 d. 11-13-1916
Charles b. 2-2-1898	Joseph Theodore b. 12-8-1907

MARY LOU McCOY: Dau of John M., son of George. Married John Reed of Chattanooga.

Daughter, died in infancy.

GRACE McCOY: Dau of John M., son of George. Lived move of her life a few miles from her birth place, Red Clay, Ga. She was a person of strong convictions, high morals, and good common sense. Outlived all known McCoys of this branch. Married James Johnson.

Fanny, b. 1898 d. 1934

HENRY BRUCE McCOY: Son of John M., son of George. Came with Preston Parker, his cousin, to Parkerville, Ga. about 1888. (this locality was named for S. Dempsey Parker, a brother of Emmaline Parker wife of John Mark McCoy). Was a Mason and a Baptist. Moved to Jackson County, Florida in 1922, and to Gadsden County (Fla) in 1925, where he died about six months later. Buried in Providence Cemetery about one mile SE of Greensboro. Married Melvina Irene Logue.

To this marriage was born five sons and two daughters.

Frankie Lorrene b. Apr 2, 1897
Ralph Lester b. 8-27-1899 d. 10-12-48
Iva Delle b. 2-27-1903
Robert Andrew b. 11-5-1905
Flotcher Evans b. Dec 27, 1907
Jesse Alexander b. 1-23-1911
Van Buren b. 6-16-14

Fourth Generation

HATTIE McCOY: Dau of John C., son of John M., son of George. Born and lives in Texas. Married R. R. Anderson.

James
Liston
Olin
Edith

VIRGIE MCCOY; Dau of John C., son of John M., son of George. Born and lives in Texas. Married Wilford Lacy.

Clyde
Hope
Leon Ross
Nell

NETTIE McCOY: Dau of George C., son of John M., son of George. Lives in Dalton, Georgia. Married John Brdome about 1930.

Donald b. 1932
David b. 1939

ROBERT O. McCOY: Son of George C., son of John M., son of George G. Served in US Army about 1920. Lived in Dalton, Ga. Married Mabel Springfield.

Iva Delle
Bobby Jean
Annie Jo
George Harold

TOM ASHLEY McCOY: Son of George C., son of John M., son of George G. Married Jessie Brunlow.

Thomas
Peggy
Wayne

JOANNA McCOY: Dau of George C., son of John M., son of George G. Married Oscar Gentry.

George
Jesse
one died in infancy.

JOHN HUBBARD McCOY: Son of George C., son of John M., son of George G. Lived in and near Dalton, Ga. Presently retired (1962). Is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. Did not marry. A very small man and full of energy, and determination.

BIRDIE McCOY: Dau of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Lived in and near Dalton, Ga. and Cleveland, Tenn. Presently living in California. Much good can be said of Birdie, as she has been a person who has done much good to others in her time. Never one to stand back on ceremony, she was always right in there pitching. Married James Guinn.

James Gordon b. Feb 10, 1914
Florazell Mary b. June 29, 1915
Edith Evelyn b. Mar 12, 1917

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BUREN L. McCOY: Son of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Veteran of WW I, Army. Once sailed on ships on Great Lakes. Moved to California about 1925 or 1930. Married Winnie Coe of Bradley Co., Tenn.

Dorothy, died at 9 years of age.

CHARLES McCOY: Son of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Veteran of WW I, Army, and WW II Merchant Marine. Wounded by Machine gun fire in first war, and had ship blown from under him in second war. Sailed the Great Lakes between the two wars. Moved to Idaho about 1928 for his health. Lives at Castleford, Idaho. Married Cretie Williams of Bradley Co., Tennessee.

Donald
Betty Jean
Patrick (d. 2 wks old)
Lusk
Mack Eddin (d. 2 weeks old)
Max Edward

ARABELLE McCOY: Dau of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Married (1 Walter James, (2 James Kelley. Belle lived a number of years at Knoxville, and Loudon, and presently lives in Chattanooga.

Children of first marriage:

Daniel Quinton
Walter McCoy

No children of second marriage.

JOSEPH THEODORE McCOY: Son of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. A farmer and dairyman, lives at Flint Springs, near Clevlenad, Tennessee. Ted is a fellow of much wit and humor, and enjoys a good laugh. Is a staunch citizen and a good influence in the community. Married Dorothy Renner of Greeneville, Tennessee.

Mildred Joyce b. 11-6-1931
William Robert b. 6-16-1935
Helen Delores b. 11-10-1939
Jos. Theodore II b. 5-23-1941
Linda Jane b. 5-19-1944
Dwight Renner b. 12-9-1947

RALPH LESTER McCOY: Son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Veteran of World War I, Army. Full of wit, humor, and troubles is the briefest way of describing Ralph. One of the most likeable persons ever known. Married (1 Edna Mae MacGowan of Dublin, Ga. (2 Dessie Hester Crosby, of Georgia.

Children of first marriage: (none of the second marriage)

Charles Robert b. 8-19-1923 d. 6-25-1945
Ralph Edward b. 4-17-1925

FLETCHER EVANS McCOY: Son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. A gifted singer, and has a magnetic personality. Lost left hand in an accident May 7, 1924. Married Mildred Nix of Sanford, Fla. on Aug 22, 1937.

Wayne Harris b. 10-4-38
Bruce Johnson b. 5-6-40
Donald Evans b. 3-10-42
Stephen Ladd b. 7-6-43

VAN BUREN McCOY: Son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Given only name at birth, he named himself a middle name for an older cousin, Buren L. McCoy, whom he greatly admired. Named for Buren McCoy, not for the ex-president Van Buren. Married Marjorie Lawrence in 1938.

Carol Ann b. 12-23-1939
Myrtice Marilyn b. 11-19-1941

FRANKIE L. McCOY: Dau of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Taught school in Georgia and Florida for several years. Lives in Jacksonville, Florida. Is a Baptist, Eastern Star, and a Rosicrucian. Never married.

IVA DELLE McCOY: Dau of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Taught school in Georgia and in Florida. A registered nurse. Worked in hospitals in Thomasville, Ga. and Houston, Texas. Was a public school nurse in Houston. Married Fred Walter Spicker in 1938. Has no children. An Eastern Star and Episcopalian.

ROBERT A. McCOY: Son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Veteran of WW II, Army, North Africa and Italy. A Rosicrucian. A person with a dry sense of humor and full of funny stories. A slow but steady person. Married Eugenia Perry Johnson June 30, 1951.

JESSE A. McCOY: Son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Veteran of WW II, Pacific. A Mason and a Methodist. A jolly person who has spent too much time trying to work up a family tree. Not married.

The above family of Henry Bruce McCoy was at one time widely scattered and seemed hopelessly separated. However, two years later, by some stroke of destiny, they were all together again and living in Okeechobee, Fla. About 1932-33 the clan moved to Jacksonville where most of them still live (1962).

Fifth Generation

RALPH EDWARD McCOY: Son of Ralph L., son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Veteran of World War II, Air Corps. Like his father and grandfather, he sees much in life to laugh about, having a fine sense of humor. Member of Episcopalian Church. Lives in Birmingham. Married Mary Dee Thomas in 1950.

Mary Jan b. 9-22-51
Patricia Jill b. 5-30-58

CHARLES ROBERT McCOY: Son of Ralph L., son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Noted for his calm and steady manner, yet, he saw much to laugh over and was noted also for his big hearty laugh. Killed in a Navy Hellcat while on a training flight over California in WW II. Married Katherine Ellis in 1945. No children.

CAROL ANN McCOY: Dau of Van B., son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Has a sunny disposition and twinkling eyes, always sees the brighter side of life. Married Gerald Savage Dec 12, 1957. Lives in Indianapolis, Ind.

Michael James b. Aug 26, 1958
Deborah Susan b. Oct 15, 1959
Gerald George b. Jan 30, 1961

MARILYN MYRTICE McCOY: Dau of Van B., son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Usually sees the sombre side of life, but at the same time has an odd sense of humor inherited from her grandfather Henry McCoy, whom she never saw. Married Richard Dykes 10-10-1959. Lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Carol Le Ann b. Sept 1, 1960

JAMES GORDON GUINN: Son of Birdie, dau of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. At one time he operated a spread house in Central Florida. Later moved to California. Married Essie Lou Sewell in 1941.

Robert Gordon Guinn b. July 23, 1945

FLORAZELL MARY GUINN: Dau of Birdie, dau of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Married (1 Hughlin Monroe Nations (2 Robert Leonard Bramblett. Lives in Dalton, Georgia.

Child of first marriage: (None of second marriage)

Harold Monroe Nations b. Apr 19, 1933

EDITH EVELYN GUINN: Dau of Birdie, dau of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Married (1 Hubert Harold Coker (2 Arch Travillian.

Child of first marriage: (none of second)

Danny Harold Coker b. Oct 9, 1933

MILDRED JOYCE McCOY: Dau of Joseph Theodore, son of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Attended University of Tennessee. Married Warren C. Hale in 1953.

Deborah C. b. 9-26-54
Molly M. b. 2-18-1956
Harlan V. b. 12-15-58

HELEN DELORES McCOY: Dau of Joseph Theodore, son of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. A charming lady, talks like her Aunt Birdie. Married Doyle Dixon 9-30-58. Lives at Cleveland, Tennessee.

Karen E. b. 10-2-1959

WILLIAM ROBERT McCOY: Son of Joseph Theodore, son of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. A quiet person with a good disposition, and a likeable person. Veteran US Army. Married Mary Ellen Still about Oct 27, 1959.

IVA DELLE McCOY: Dau of Robert O., son of George C., son of John M., son of George G. Lives in Indiana. Married Jack Burkett Dec 2, 1949.

Jackie Bruce b. Dec 19, 1950
Jeffery Lynn b. Aug 9, 1955

ANNIE JO McCOY: Dau of Robert O., son of Geroge C., son of John M., son of George G. Married Jack Painter Aug 4, 1954. Lives in Atlanta.

Bobby Julian b. Mar 25, 1955
Randy Price b. Feb 10, 1957

BOBBY JEAN McCOY: Dau of Robert O., son of George C., son of John M., son of George G. Married Dave C. Gibson, Jr., Oct 5, 1953. Lives in Atlanta.

David Stephen b. Apr 10, 1956
Harold Gregory b. Aug 23, 1957

GEORGE HAROID McCOY: Son of Robert O., son of George C., son of John M., son of George G. Tall and erect, he looks like the McCoys of past generations. A quiet and peaceable fellow. Not married. Veteran of Air Force. Lives in Dalton, Ga.

DONALD BROOME: Son of Nettie, dau of George C., son of John M., son of George G. Veteran of USAF in Turkey about 1954. A very interesting person to talk to, and very intelligent. Married Sandra Gail Teague June 7, 1958. Lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

DAVID BROOME: Son of Nettie, dau of George C., son of John M., son of George G. A tall fellow of quiet manner and good disposition. In the building trade in Dalton, Ga. Married Glenda Southern.

Glenn David b. 8-11-61.

JOSEPH THEODORE McCOY II: Son of Joseph Theodore, son of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Tall and heavy, with a friendly and smooth disposition.

LINDA JANE McCOY: Dau of Joseph Theodore, son of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Linda is perhaps the smallest woman in any of the McCoy families. Quite sharp with twinkling eyes.

DWIGHT RENNER McCOY: Son of Joseph Theodore, son of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Dwight is perhaps happiest when tinkering around a balky automobild.

WAYNE HARRIS McCOY: Son of F. Evans, son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Attended Univ. of Fla. Works at Cape Canaveral in connection with the space projects there. Married Betsy Morrison while attending university.

Erin b. 11-22-60.

BRUCE JOHNSON McCOY: Son of F. Evans, son of Henry B., son of John M. son of George G. A tall fellow and weighs about 185 lbs. Attended Univ. of Florida. An influential person of unquestioned integrety.

DONALD EVANS McCOY: Son of F. Evans, son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. A tall good natured fellow with a winning personality. The "ladies man" of the family. Attended Unif of Fla.

STEPHEN LADD McCOY: Son of F. Evans, son of Henry B., son of John M., son of George G. Tall and friendly, handy with the ladies, but happiest on the golf course. Attended Unif of Fla.

Sixth Generation

HAROLD MONROE NATIONS: Son of Florazell, dau of Birdie, dau of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Married Reba Fowler in 1953.

DANNY HAROLD COKER: Son of Edith, dau of Birdie, dau of Robert A., son of John M., son of George G. Married Sue Colston Feb 1957.

Judy Susie Coker b. Nov 9, 1957.

The remaining members of the sixth generation are unmarried, and mostly babies. They have already been listed elsewhere in this paper.

Seventh Generation

JUDY SUE COKER: Dau of Harold, son of Edith, dau of Birdie, dau of Robert A., son of John M., son of George.

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This concludes the generations of the descendants of GEORGE G. McKOY of North Carolina. It is brought up-to-date as much as possible, and from hence forth it will be up to each individual family to keep up its records, and every family is urged to do so. This writer will continue the search back into the past, time and money permitting.

No records have been found that would indicate any intermarriage with racially different people, and lets keep it that way!

This record is being placed into the hands of the State Archivist in as many of the 50 states as will accept them. Also being placed in certain libraries, notably, the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City, State Library in Raleigh, and perhaps several others. Should your copy of this become lost or destroyed you may see this document in any of the above named depositories of documents.

In conclusion, let me again urge all persons having any information whatsoever that would seem to fit into this family tree to please get in touch with this writer.

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